

by the British High Command as follows : 34th Division, average ; 20th Division, very good ; 24th Division, very good ; 21st Division, average ; 21st Reserve Division, average ; 38th Division, very good ; 119th Division, average ; 121st Division, average ; 187th Sharpshooting Section, very good ; 204th Division, average ; 208th Division, average ; 3rd Naval Division, very good ; 15th Reserve Division, average.

The 30th Division was relieved by the 27th Division on October 11th/12th, but returned on October 16th and took over a part of the same line at the same place, being the right half of the sector temporarily held by the 27th. The next attack was launched on October 17th, 18th and 19th against the 221st Division, average ; 243rd Division, average ; 29th Division, very good, advancing nine thousand yards and capturing 6 officers and 412 men, and the towns of Molain, St-Martin Riviere, Ribeauville, Ecaillon, Mazinghein and Ribeaucourt Ferme.

During much of the fighting from October 8th to 11th and from 17th to 19th, difficulties of the terrain were very great, with the country greatly broken by small patches of woods, and villages, with uneven terrain and occasional large towns admirably added to the machine-gun defense of which the Germans took every advantage. The La Selle River with high banks beyond was obstinately defended. In spite of these difficulties the advance continued, often without artillery support, and was made possible only by the determination of the men and the skillfull use of all arms combined with clever utilization of the diversified